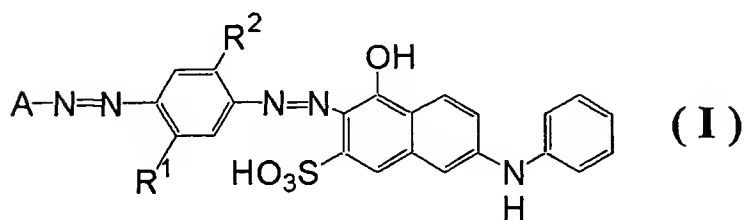


What is claimed is:

1. A disazo compound of the formula (I) or a salt thereof.



wherein A represents 4-sulfophenyl or 6,8-disulfo-2-naphtyl, one of R¹ and R²

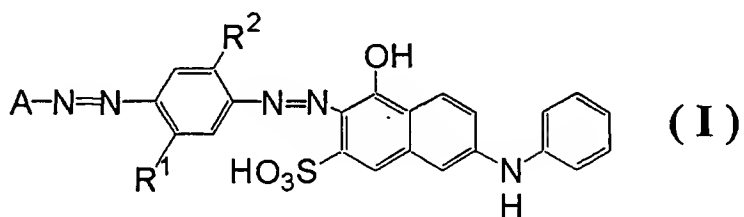
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2. The disazo compound or the salt thereof according to Claim 1, wherein A represents 4-sulfophenyl, R¹ represents methyl and R² represents hydrogen.

3. The disazo compound or the salt thereof according to Claim 1, wherein A represents 4-sulfophenyl, R¹ represents hydrogen and R² represents methyl.

- 10 4. The disazo compound or the salt thereof according to Claim 1, wherein A represents 6,8-disulfo-2-naphtyl, R¹ represents methyl and R² represents hydrogen.

5. A dye-based polarizing film comprising a base material and a disazo compound of the formula (I) or a salt thereof contained in the base material.



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wherein A represents 4-sulfophenyl or 6,8-disulfo-2-naphtyl, one of R¹ and R² represents hydrogen and the other represents methyl

6. The dye-based polarizing film according to Claim 5 wherein the base material is a film comprising polyvinyl alcohol-based resin.